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DAILY REPORT

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- The House will reconvene for its 10th Legislative Day on Wednesday, February 2 at 10:00 a.m.
- The Rules Committee will meet at 9:00 a.m.
- Two bills are expected to be debated on the floor.

Today on the Floor

Rules Calendar

HB 385 Teachers Retirement System of Georgia; employ beneficiaries; permit public school systems

Bill Summary: House Bill 385 allows retired members of the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia, who have obtained 30 years of creditable service, to return to work full time, providing instruction as a certified teacher of pre-kindergarten through grade 12, while receiving their full post-retirement benefit. Retired members can return to work in an "area of highest need," as designated by the Department of Education in consultation with the Professional Standards Commission. The "areas of highest need" will vary across Georgia based on the Regional Education Service Agency in which the school system resides. The school system must pay the employer and employee contribution rate, and the member cannot accrue additional creditable service. The member must wait one year from the date of retirement for their return to work. The state auditor is required to provide a performance audit on the value and necessity of full-time employment of retired members and the impact on school systems. The return to work provision is valid from July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2026.

Authored By: Rep. Shaw Blackmon (146th)
House Retirement
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 169 Nays: 0

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 01-25-2022 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute
Amendments:

HB 624 South Georgia Judicial Circuit; additional judge of the superior court; provide

Bill Summary: House Bill 624 increases the number of judges for superior courts in the South Georgia Judicial Circuit from two to three. The additional judge shall be appointed by the governor for a term beginning July 1, 2022, until December 31, 2024. A successor shall be elected at the non-partisan judicial election held in 2024; and the elected successor will take office January 1, 2025.

Authored By: Rep. Darlene Taylor (173rd)
House Judiciary
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 169 Nays: 0

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 01-25-2022 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute
Amendments:

Next on the Floor from the Committee on Rules

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for the 10th Legislative Day, Wednesday, February 2, and bills may be called at the pleasure of the Speaker. The Rules Committee will next meet on Wednesday, February 2, at 9:00 a.m., to set the Rules Calendar for the 11th Legislative Day.

HB 478 Evidence; expert testimony in criminal cases; change rules

Bill Summary: House Bill 478 changes the evidentiary standard for testimony of expert witnesses in criminal cases to match the standard used in civil cases.

Authored By: Rep. Bonnie Rich (97th)
House Judiciary Non-Civil
Committee:

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 01-26-2022 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute

HB 907 Elections; dates for special elections; question related to sales and use taxes for transportation; revise provisions

Bill Summary: House Bill 907 specifies the date for a special election to present a question to voters on sales and use taxes, under certain circumstances.

Authored By: Rep. Tyler Smith (18th)
House Governmental Affairs
Committee:

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 01-26-2022 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute

Committee Actions

Bills passing committees are reported to the Clerk's Office and are placed on the General Calendar.

Economic Development & Tourism Committee

HB 1044 Local government; creation of regional development authorities; provide

Bill Summary: House Bill 1044 allows for the creation of regional development authorities to be created and activated by a group of three to five contiguous counties. The bill stipulates that at least half of the members of the governing body from each county have completed a basic economic development training course certified by the Department of Community Affairs. Each regional development authority will be an active authority with a board of directors that meets quarterly, develops an operational business plan, owns property lying within one or more of the participating counties, and maintains an active agreement for sharing expenses and proceeds. A county cannot belong to more than one regional development authority. The bill provides for a tax credit for each new quality job for qualifying investment properties for the lowest tier participating county within the regional development authority.

Authored By:
House
Committee:

Rep. Clay Pirkle (155th)
Economic Development & Tourism

Committee
Action:

02-01-2022 Do Pass by Committee
Substitute

Education Committee

HB 60 Georgia Educational Scholarship Act; enact

Bill Summary: House Bill 60 amends Title 20 of the O.C.G.A. by adding the 'Georgia Promise Scholarship Act' to establish promise scholarship accounts to be used for tuition and other eligible expenses incurred for an eligible student. The program is capped at one fourth of one percent of all statewide total public school enrollment during the first year, and the cap increases by one fourth of one percent each year up to a maximum of two and a half percent.

To be eligible, the student must be one of the following: enrolled in a public school that has placed in the lowest quartile among schools for two consecutive years; a member of a family with income below 400 percent of the federal poverty level and currently enrolled in a public school in Georgia; placed in foster care or other substitute care or adopted from foster care; the child of a parent who is an active duty military service member; disabled with an Individualized Education Program; or a student who spent the previous school year enrolled in a public school not offering an option for students to receive 100 percent of instruction in person for at least one semester. If the commission receives more applications than available slots, the first five categories will be given equal priority admittance, and the sixth category will be selected at random for the remaining spots. A participating student will continue to be eligible until the student returns to public school, graduates from high school, or reaches the age of 20-years old or 21-years old for special education students.

The amount of funds the student receives will equal the amount equivalent to 95 percent of the statewide average per full-time equivalent (FTE). Funds deposited into an account may only be used for qualified educational expenses for the participating student. Unused funds, up to 50 percent of the total funds deposited in the current school year, roll over to the following year and, upon high school graduation of the participant, roll forward and may be used for postsecondary education. If a participant's account is inactive for two consecutive years, the account shall be closed and the funds returned to the state general fund.

The bill establishes the parent review committee, which is tasked with determining whether certain expenses meet the requirement of a qualified expense.

Authored By:
House
Committee:

Rep. Wesley Cantrell (22nd)
Education

Committee
Action:

02-01-2022 Do Pass by Committee
Substitute

HB 885 Quality Basic Education Act; military student; revise definition

Bill Summary: House Bill 885 amends O.C.G.A. 20-2-295 relating to the organization of schools and systems under the 'Quality Basic Education Act' to provide that a military student may attend any public school in the local school system in which they reside beginning in the 2022-2023 school year. The military student may continue to be enrolled in and attend a public school through the completion of the current school year regardless of changes to their parent or guardian's address. If the military student is enrolled in grade 11, they may continue to be enrolled in and attend public school through completion of grade 12. This change does not prevent or preempt any public school from enforcing applicable laws, rules, regulations, or policies relating to student discipline, student attendance, or determining the appropriate placement of students with disabilities. Transportation responsibility and cost is assumed by the parent.

Authored By: Rep. D. C. Belton (112th)
House Education
Committee:

Committee 02-01-2022 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute

Governmental Affairs Committee**HB 873 Gwinnett County; Board of Commissioners; revise district boundaries**

Bill Summary: House Bill 873 revises the commissioner district boundaries of the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners.

Authored By: Rep. Samuel Park (101st)
House Governmental Affairs
Committee:

Committee 02-01-2022 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute

Health & Human Services Committee**HB 1049 State Board of Nursing Home Administrators; revise composition**

Bill Summary: House Bill 1049 adds two members to the State Board of Long-Term Care Facility Administrators. The number of members who are nursing home administrators increases from three to four, and the number of members who are either a personal care home administrator or an assisted living community administrator increases from three to four. The total number of members is 11 after June 30, 2022.

Authored By: Rep. John LaHood (175th)
House Health & Human Services
Committee:

Committee 02-01-2022 Do Pass
Action:

Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee**HB 945 Butts County; Board of Commissioners; revise districts of members**

Bill Summary: House Bill 945 revises the districts for the election of members of the Butts County Board of Commissioners.

Authored By: Rep. Susan Holmes (129th)
House Intragovernmental Coordination -
Committee: Local

Committee 02-01-2022 Do Pass
Action:

HB 946 Butts County; Board of Education; revise districts of members

Bill Summary: House Bill 946 revises the districts for the election of members of the Butts County Board of Education.

Authored By: Rep. Susan Holmes (129th)
House Intragovernmental Coordination -
Committee: Local

Committee 02-01-2022 Do Pass
Action:

HB 1012 Tattnall County; Board of Commissioners; change description of districts

Bill Summary: House Bill 1012 changes the description of the Tattnall County Board of Commissioners' districts.

Authorized By:	Rep. William Werkheiser (157th)		
House Committee:	Intragovernmental Coordination - Local	Committee Action:	02-01-2022 Do Pass

HB 1014 Montgomery County; abolish mode of compensating sheriff; repeal Act

Bill Summary: House Bill 1014 repeals an act abolishing the mode of compensating the Montgomery County sheriff.

Authorized By:	Rep. Leesa Hagan (156th)		
House Committee:	Intragovernmental Coordination - Local	Committee Action:	02-01-2022 Do Pass

HB 1015 Montgomery County; Board of Elections and Registration; create

Bill Summary: House Bill 1015 creates the Montgomery County Board of Elections and Registration.

Authorized By:	Rep. Leesa Hagan (156th)		
House Committee:	Intragovernmental Coordination - Local	Committee Action:	02-01-2022 Do Pass

HB 1016 Montgomery County; Board of Commissioners; change description of districts

Bill Summary: House Bill 1016 changes the description of the Montgomery County Board of Commissioners' districts.

Authorized By:	Rep. Leesa Hagan (156th)		
House Committee:	Intragovernmental Coordination - Local	Committee Action:	02-01-2022 Do Pass

HB 1017 Montgomery County; Board of Education; change description of districts

Bill Summary: House Bill 1017 changes the description of the Montgomery County Board of Education's districts.

Authorized By:	Rep. Leesa Hagan (156th)		
House Committee:	Intragovernmental Coordination - Local	Committee Action:	02-01-2022 Do Pass

HB 1018 Emanuel County; Board of Commissioners; change description of districts

Bill Summary: House Bill 1018 changes the description of the Emanuel County Board of Commissioners' districts.

Authorized By:	Rep. Butch Parrish (158th)		
House Committee:	Intragovernmental Coordination - Local	Committee Action:	02-01-2022 Do Pass

HB 1019 Swainsboro, City of; corporate limits; change provisions

Bill Summary: House Bill 1019 changes the provisions relating to the corporate limits of the city of Swainsboro.

Authorized By:	Rep. Butch Parrish (158th)		
House Committee:	Intragovernmental Coordination - Local	Committee Action:	02-01-2022 Do Pass

HB 1020 Glynn County; Board of Commissioners; provide new district boundaries

Bill Summary: House Bill 1020 provides new district boundaries for the Glynn County Board of Commissioners.

Authorized By:	Rep. Don Hogan (179th)		
House	Intragovernmental Coordination -	Committee	02-01-2022 Do Pass
Committee:	Local	Action:	

HB 1023 Talbot County; Board of Education; change description of districts

Bill Summary: House Bill 1023 changes the description of the Talbot County Board of Education's districts.

Authorized By:	Rep. Debbie Buckner (137th)		
House	Intragovernmental Coordination -	Committee	02-01-2022 Do Pass
Committee:	Local	Action:	

HB 1024 Talbot County; Board of Commissioners; change description of districts

Bill Summary: House Bill 1024 changes the description of the Talbot County Board of Commissioners' districts.

Authorized By:	Rep. Debbie Buckner (137th)		
House	Intragovernmental Coordination -	Committee	02-01-2022 Do Pass
Committee:	Local	Action:	

HB 1025 Hall County; Board of Commissioners; change description of districts

Bill Summary: House Bill 1025 changes the description of the Hall County Board of Commissioners' districts.

Authorized By:	Rep. Lee Hawkins (27th)		
House	Intragovernmental Coordination -	Committee	02-01-2022 Do Pass
Committee:	Local	Action:	

HB 1026 Madison County; Board of Education; revise member districts

Bill Summary: House Bill 1026 revises the districts for the election of the Madison County Board of Education's members.

Authorized By:	Rep. Rob Leverett (33rd)		
House	Intragovernmental Coordination -	Committee	02-01-2022 Do Pass
Committee:	Local	Action:	

HB 1027 Madison County; Board of Commissioners; revise member districts

Bill Summary: House Bill 1027 revises the districts for the election of the Madison County Board of Commissioners.

Authorized By:	Rep. Rob Leverett (33rd)		
House	Intragovernmental Coordination -	Committee	02-01-2022 Do Pass
Committee:	Local	Action:	

HB 1029 Milton, City of; senior homestead exemption; modify maximum income

Bill Summary: House Bill 1029 modifies the maximum income for a city of Milton senior homestead exemption. Each resident who is 70 years or older is granted an exemption from city taxes for the full value of the homestead. The exemption is granted if the household income does not exceed the greater of \$100,000 or the maximum amount which may be received by an individual and a spouse under the federal 'Social Security Act' for the immediately preceding year.

Authorized By:	Rep. Jan Jones (47th)		
House	Intragovernmental Coordination -	Committee	02-01-2022 Do Pass
Committee:	Local	Action:	

HB 1030 Milton, City of; repeal a homestead exemption

Bill Summary: House Bill 1030 repeals a homestead exemption for citizens of the city of Milton.

Authorized By:	Rep. Jan Jones (47th)		
House	Intragovernmental Coordination -	Committee	02-01-2022 Do Pass
Committee:	Local	Action:	

HB 1031 Milton, City of; increase amount of a senior homestead exemption

Bill Summary: House Bill 1031 increases the amount of a city of Milton senior homestead exemption. Each resident of the city who is 65 years or older is granted an exemption from city taxes in the amount of \$25,000.

Authorized By:	Rep. Jan Jones (47th)		
House	Intragovernmental Coordination -	Committee	02-01-2022 Do Pass
Committee:	Local	Action:	

HB 1033 Camden County Public Service Authority Act; enact

Bill Summary: House Bill 1033 readopts provisions of the 'Camden County Public Service Authority Act.'

Authorized By:	Rep. Steven Sainz (180th)		
House	Intragovernmental Coordination -	Committee	02-01-2022 Do Pass
Committee:	Local	Action:	

HB 1036 Lincoln County; Board of Education; provide compensation of members

Bill Summary: House Bill 1036 provides for the compensation of the members of the Lincoln County Board of Education. Each member, including the chairperson, shall make \$200 for attendance at each meeting of the board and for each day while meeting or traveling within or outside the state as a member of the board on official business.

Authorized By:	Rep. Rob Leverett (33rd)		
House	Intragovernmental Coordination -	Committee	02-01-2022 Do Pass
Committee:	Local	Action:	

Motor Vehicles Committee**HB 1009 Motor vehicles; use of personal delivery devices to transport cargo; authorize**

Bill Summary: House Bill 1009 provides definitions and operation guidelines for personal delivery devices. The bill prohibits local authorities from enacting ordinances regarding personal delivery devices under specified conditions.

Authorized By:	Rep. Todd Jones (25th)		
House	Motor Vehicles	Committee	02-01-2022 Do Pass by Committee
Committee:		Action:	Substitute

HB 1055 Motor vehicles; revise definition of all-terrain vehicle

Bill Summary: House Bill 1055 increases the defined weight limit for an "all-terrain vehicle" from 2,500 pounds to 3,500 pounds.

Authorized By:	Rep. Jason Ridley (6th)		
House	Motor Vehicles	Committee	02-01-2022 Do Pass
Committee:		Action:	

Regulated Industries Committee

HB 412 Professions and businesses; licensure of individuals in the practice of applied behavior analysis; provide

Bill Summary: House Bill 412 creates the Georgia Behavior Analyst Licensing Board, which is composed of five members appointed by the governor. Eight new terms are defined, including for "applied behavior analysis," "behavior technician," "board," "board certified," "certifying entity," "licensed assistant behavior analyst," "licensed behavior analyst," and "practice of applied behavior analysis." The board is composed of three members who are either board-certified behavior analysts or board-certified behavior analyst-doctoral and who are eligible for licensure; one member who is a board-certified assistant behavior analyst and who is eligible for licensure; and one member of the public. Board terms are for three years, although initial terms can be staggered, and the board will regulate matters related to licensing.

An applicant for a behavior analyst license shall provide proof of successful passage of the behavior analyst examination, proof that he or she holds a master's degree based on applied behavior analysis, and proof of active status as a board-certified behavior analyst. An applicant for an assistant behavior analyst license shall provide proof of successful passage of the assistant behavior analyst examination, proof that he or she holds a bachelor's degree based on applied behavior analysis, proof of active status as a board-certified assistant behavior analyst, and will have ongoing supervision by a licensed behavior analyst. Violations of the unlicensed practice as either a behavior analyst or an assistant behavior analyst are subject to \$1,000 fines.

These provisions do not apply to: 1) licensed psychologists, so long as the applied behavior analysis services are within that psychologist's training; 2) a behavior technician who delivers applied behavior analysis services under the authority of a licensed behavior analyst or licensed assistant behavior analyst; 3) a caregiver of a recipient of applied behavior analyst services who delivers the services under the authority of a licensed behavioral analyst or licensed assistant behavior analyst; 4) a behavior analyst who practices with non-human or non-patient clients or consumers; 5) a licensed professional authorized to practice in the state who is not a behavior analyst, so long as the licensed professional does not represent that he or she is a licensed behavior analyst or assistant behavior analyst; 6) an enrolled graduate student or postdoctoral fellow whose activities are part of a defined behavior analysis program provided that the program is supervised by a licensed behavior analyst or an instructor in a course sequence approved by a certifying entity; 7) unlicensed individuals who pursue experience in applied behavior analysis consistent with the experience requirements of a certifying entity; 8) professionals who provide general applied behavior analysis services to organizations, so long as those services are for the benefit of the organizations and do not involve direct services to individuals; 9) individuals who teach behavior analysis or conduct behavior analysis research, so long as that does not involve the direct delivery of applied behavior analysis services; 10) behavior analysts licensed in another jurisdiction or certified by a certifying entity to practice independently and who work in Georgia for a maximum of 30 days in a year and have received a temporary behavior analyst license; 11) an individual employed by a local school board of education who performs the duties of their positions; 12) and a licensed physician who is practicing medicine.

Temporary licenses can be issued to those individuals who reside in and practice in another state and who do not practice in Georgia for more than 30 days. Licenses can also be issued through reciprocity with other states, and licenses issued by the board are granted for two years.

Authored By: Rep. Katie Dempsey (13th)
House Committee: Regulated Industries

Committee Action: 02-01-2022 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

HB 430 Professions and businesses; licensure of advanced practice registered nurses; provide

Bill Summary: House Bill 430 revises the definition of "advanced nursing practice" to include clinical nurse specialists and cite to O.C.G.A. 43-26-7.1, which contains the educational or certification requirements. The bill also amends the definition of "advanced practice registered nurse" (APRN) to require that an eligible person be licensed as a certified nurse midwife, certified nurse practitioner, certified registered nurse anesthetist, or clinical nurse specialist and clinical nurse

specialist in psychiatric or mental health, in addition to working in a population focus. Further, this bill provides eligibility requirements for licensing of APRNs and renewal requirements for licenses.

Requirements for applying for a license to practice as an APRN include being licensed as a registered professional nurse or holding a multistate license, having completed a qualifying accredited graduate or postgraduate-level program, being currently certified by a national certifying organization, receiving satisfactory fingerprint record reports, and meeting other criteria as specified by the board. Requirements for applying for the reinstatement of a license include meeting competency requirements as set by the board, receiving satisfactory fingerprint record reports, and meeting other criteria as specified by the board.

The list of various misdemeanor crimes in which it is illegal to practice without a valid, current license is updated to include APRNs. The bill also allows the Department of Revenue to issue license plates and permits for those with disabilities upon affidavits, or signed and dated statements, from licensed APRNs or physician assistants. Further, the Department of Revenue is added to the list of state agencies having verification and evaluation forms in which those with the authority can sign, certify, and endorse for a patient within his or her scope of authorized practice.

Author By: Rep. Alan Powell (32nd)
House Regulated Industries
Committee:

Committee 02-01-2022 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute

Retirement Committee

HB 263 Retirement; benefits for judges of probate courts; revise method through which certain actuarial equivalents are determined

Bill Summary: House Bill 263 revises the computation method for the spousal benefits, as a designated survivor, under judges of the probate courts to using an interest rate and current mortality table adopted by the board. This bill is certified by the Georgia Department of Audits and Accounts as a fiscal retirement bill.

Author By: Rep. Mitchell Scoggins (14th)
House Retirement
Committee:

Committee 02-01-2022 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute

HB 780 Retirement and pensions; membership of full-time judges of the state-wide business court in the retirement plan established for appellate court judges; provide

Bill Summary: House Bill 780 transfers all full-time business court judges from the Judicial Retirement System (JRS) to the Employees' Retirement System (ERS) on July 1, 2022. Any full-time business court judge hired after July 1, 2022, would be required to join ERS. The Judicial Retirement System is required to transfer all employee and employer contributions made on behalf of the full-time business court judges to ERS. All judges transferred would receive creditable service toward vesting in the retirement plan for appellate court judges in the full amount they earned as an employee of the state-wide business court. This bill is certified by the Georgia Department of Audits and Accounts as a fiscal retirement bill.

Author By: Rep. Rob Leverett (33rd)
House Retirement
Committee:

Committee 02-01-2022 Do Pass
Action:

Committee Meeting Schedule

*This meeting schedule is up to date at the time of this report, but meeting dates and times are subject to change.
To keep up with the latest schedule, please visit www.house.ga.gov and click on [Meetings Calendar](#).*

Wednesday - February 2, 2022

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8:00 AM	Life and Health Insurance Subcommittee	606 CLOB HYBRID	VIDEO	Agenda
8:00 AM	BANKS AND BANKING	506 CLOB HYBRID	VIDEO	Agenda
9:00 AM	RULES COMMITTEE	341 CAP	VIDEO	Agenda
10:00 AM	FLOOR SESSION (LD 10)	House Chamber	VIDEO	
1:00 PM	HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE	606 CLOB HYBRID	VIDEO	Agenda
1:00 PM	Property & Casualty Insurance Subcommittee Meeting	515 CLOB	VIDEO	Agenda
1:30 PM	AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS COMMITTEE	506 CLOB HYBRID	VIDEO	Agenda
1:30 PM	Judiciary Scoggins Subcommittee	132 CAP HYBRID	VIDEO	Agenda
2:00 PM	GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE	406 CLOB HYBRID	VIDEO	Agenda
3:00 PM	INDUSTRY AND LABOR COMMITTEE	506 CLOB HYBRID	VIDEO	Agenda
3:00 PM	CREATIVE ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE	406 CLOB HYBRID	VIDEO	Agenda